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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OF U.S. TUNA VESSEL

SUMMARY: EMBASSY OFFICER'S INSPECTION TRIP TO PUNTARENAS  
PROVED FRUITLESS WITH REGARD U.S. FISHING VESSEL  
INDEPENDENCE BUT RESULTED IN SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION  
REGARDING ANOTHER VESSEL CALLED THE QUO VADIS. END SUMMARY

1. IN ACCORDANCE NMFS REQUEST EMBASSY OFFICER WENT  
TO PUNTARENAS ON OCTOBER 26 TO INSPECT FISHING VESSEL  
INDEPENDENCE. UPON ARRIVAL AT PORT EMBASSY OFFICER  
INFORMED BY SHIP'S AGENT, ARTURO BEECHE OF B'CHE  
SHIPPING AGENCY THAT INDEPENDENCE HAD DEPARTED  
AFTERNOON OCTOBER 25. ACCORDING BEECHE, INDEPENDENCE  
DECIDED TO REMAIN WITHIN ORIGINAL FISHING AREA  
BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER OUTSIDE THAT AREA. THIS  
OBVIATED INSPECTION.

2. BEECHE,  
SAID IT POSSIBLE ANOTHER SHIP, THE ELSIE A.,  
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OWNED BY SAME COMPANY AS INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE

CALLING AT PUNTARENAS BUT BELIEVED THIS NOT LIKELY.  
BEECHE SEEMS TO THINK ELSIE A. HAS RECEIVED ORDERS  
TO STAY WITHIN CURRENT FISHING AREA.

3. BEFORE DEPARTING FOR PUNTARENAS EMBASSY OFFICER HNTHH  
BEEN INFORMED

BY COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES THAT A U.S.  
REGISTERED FISHING VESSEL CALLED QUO VADIS WAS  
CURRENTLY IN PUNTARENAS AND HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION  
TO OFFLOAD 150 TONS OF TUNA OF AN UNSPECIFIED VARIETY ONTO  
A FINNISH VESSEL. PORT CAPTAIN IN PUNTARENAS  
IDENTIFIED FINNISH SHIP AS ONE CALLED THE RANNO. UPON  
ARRIVING PUNTARENAS IT WAS LEARNED THAT AGENT FOR QUO  
VADIS IS ALSO ARTURO BEECHE.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED BEECHE IF QUO VADIS HAD  
ANY TUNA ABOARD. BEECHE CLAIMED QUO VADIS IS CARRYING  
300 TONS BIG EYE TUNA AND 350 TONS BLUE FIN TUNA. IN  
RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHAT WOULD QUO VADIS DO WITH THIS  
FISH IF HAD TO REMAIN IN PORT MUCH LONGER, BEECHE REPLIED  
THAT QUO VADIS HAD REFRIGERATION FACILITIES TO KEEP IT  
ABOARD. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION THAT A REQUEST  
HAD BEEN MADE TO OFFLOAD TUNA.

5. QUO VADIS HAS BEEN IN PORT AT LEAST WEEK AND IS  
EXPECTED TO STAY ABOUT 3 MORE DAYS. VESSEL LOST ITS  
FISHING NET AND INCURRED STORM DAMAGE PRIOR TO CALL AT  
PUNTARENAS AND ACCORDING TO BEECHE WILL NOT GET NEW  
NET UNTIL MID DECEMBER.

6. PORT CAPTAIN INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE  
SHOULD KNOW HOW MUCH TUNA AND OF WHAT VARIETY OFFLOADED  
BY QUO VADIS ONTO RANNO BY MIDDLE THIS WEEK.  
EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP AND CABLE INFORMATION TO NMFS.  
BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS POSED BY INFO DEVELOPED  
BY EMBOFF AND TRAVEL BUDGET CONSTRAINTS ON EMBASSY, NMFS  
MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SENDING SPECIAL INSPECTOR TO LOOK  
INTO QUO VADIS MATTER.  
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